



## Presenters

Chief Andrew Reardon  
*Norwell Fire Department*

Chief Robert Hollingshead  
*Hull Fire Department*

Captain Don Jasmin  
*Stoughton Fire Department*

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Reverend James Tilbe, and  
Reverend Don Milligan  
*Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains*

Hayden Duggan Ed.D  
*Founder and President of the  
On-site Academy*

***Register Early!***

***Limited space available***

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through the  
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy  
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## Fire Service Serious Injury or Line of Duty Death

**May 22, 2009**

*Devens Common Center*

**\* NO FEES \***

Chief Fire Officers, CISM Team  
Members, Company Officers, Chaplains  
and Firefighters

**Course #:** 200-000-S21, Session A  
**Date:** May 22, 2009  
**Location:** Devens Common Center  
31 Andrews Parkway  
Devens, MA 01434  
**Time:** 0900 - 1600  
**Registration:** 0830

## **May Day! May Day! May Day! Firefighter Down!**

### ***Now WHAT?***

We are offering a one-day conference that will include how to deal with serious line of duty injury to firefighter as well as firefighter line of duty death. It will focus on two tragedies, which took place in Massachusetts, looking at them from a CISM team perspective as well as from a fire officer point of view.

It will incorporate the lessons learned by those that have been there.

### ***Can this happen in your department?***

Chief Robert Hollingshead presents **"Fate is the Hunter" – A Different Perspective**, which provides an inside perspective into the June 1999 "Clifton Avenue" fire in Hull, Massachusetts that

resulted in the traumatic and paralyzing injuries that ultimately led to the line of duty death of Firefighter John Clasby nine years later.

Included in the discussion will be analysis of the group dynamics within the fire department "family", other public safety organizations, local officials and the community; including a look at the lessons learned and a plan for the future.

Captain Don Jasmin will discuss the "Rose Street" Incident of January 28, 1995 that took place in Stoughton, claiming the life of Firefighter Victor Melendy, and the process that their department went through to deal with a firefighter fatality. This will include the short-term issues that arise with family and spouses of department members as well as of those involved.

### ***If it does...what should you do, and who can help?***

Chief Andrew Reardon discusses resources that are available locally and regionally.

Sandy Scerra, Coordinator of the MA State Peer Support Network, will discuss "Why we need CISM", review the basics of CISM, and present the statewide response including resources available.

Hayden Duggan, Founder and President of the On-Site Academy, will discuss a residential program at the On-Site Academy for managing reactions to Line of Duty Death, and present an innovative peer team for survivors, called 'WINGS' (Widows in Need of Grief Support), its services, and how to access them.

Rev. James Tilbe and Rev. Don Milligan, Massachusetts Corp of Fire Chaplains, will discuss the roll of chaplains ranging from the scene of the tragedy, to notification, funerals, follow up with family and the department.

### **Group Discussion/ Wrap up**

